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*“At the top of the mountain, that Clemson flag is flying.”*

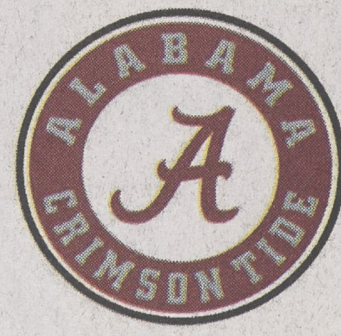
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# Governor Haley flies Clemson flag over Capitol

Chris Edwards // Contributor

After a last second victory over Alabama in the early hours of Jan. 10, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley ordered the university's flag to be flown over the statehouse in Columbia in honor of the Tigers' victory over the Crimson Tide.

Governor Haley and her daughter, Rena, a freshman undeclared major at Clemson, raised the flag together.

"To be able to raise the Clemson flag in the dome of the State House with my mom was a very memorable experience and opportunity. I am so proud to be a part of such an amazing school. It was an unforgettable night. It's always a great day to be a Clemson Tiger!" Rena Haley said.

The raising of a university's flag above the statehouse is a common occurrence for South Carolina teams who win national titles in any sport, not just football. The University of South Carolina's flag flew over the statehouse after their baseball team won the College World Series in 2010 and 2011. When Coastal Carolina's baseball team won the College World Series in 2016, their flag flew over the statehouse as well.

Governor Haley was proud to fly her alma mater's flag over the statehouse,

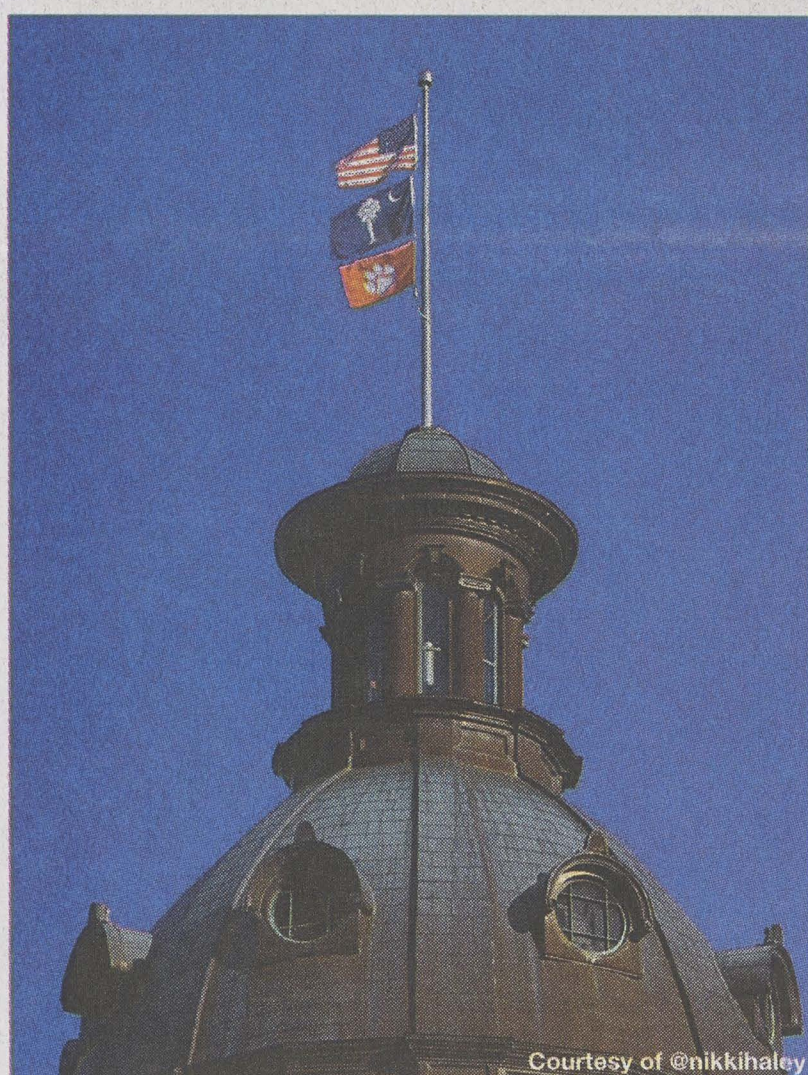
writing on Facebook: "Clemson showed their heart and humility throughout the entire season ... they reminded us that, with faith and hard work, anything is possible. That's what defines South Carolina."

Governor Haley also said that Clemson's victory over Alabama was "unforgettable" and added that, "The Statehouse looks great in orange! Go Tigers!"

Representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC), who graduated from Clemson in 1988, also seemed excited about the Tigers' victory over Alabama, tweeting early Tuesday morning, "SC needs to @nikkihaley fly the Paw over the Statehouse once again!" The flag was raised shortly thereafter.

Duncan also added, "Congrats to the Tigers, Coach Dabo Swinney, #4 Deshaun Watson and the whole team! One of the BEST National Championship games EVER!"

The Empire State Building in New York City also glowed in orange and purple after the game, tweeting, "Congrats @ClemsonFB! Our tower is sparkling in orange & purple to celebrate their @CFBPlayoff #NationalChampionship victory. #ALLIN" to which Clemson Football replied, "The Orange & Regalia look good on you! #ALLIN."



Courtesy of @nikkihaley

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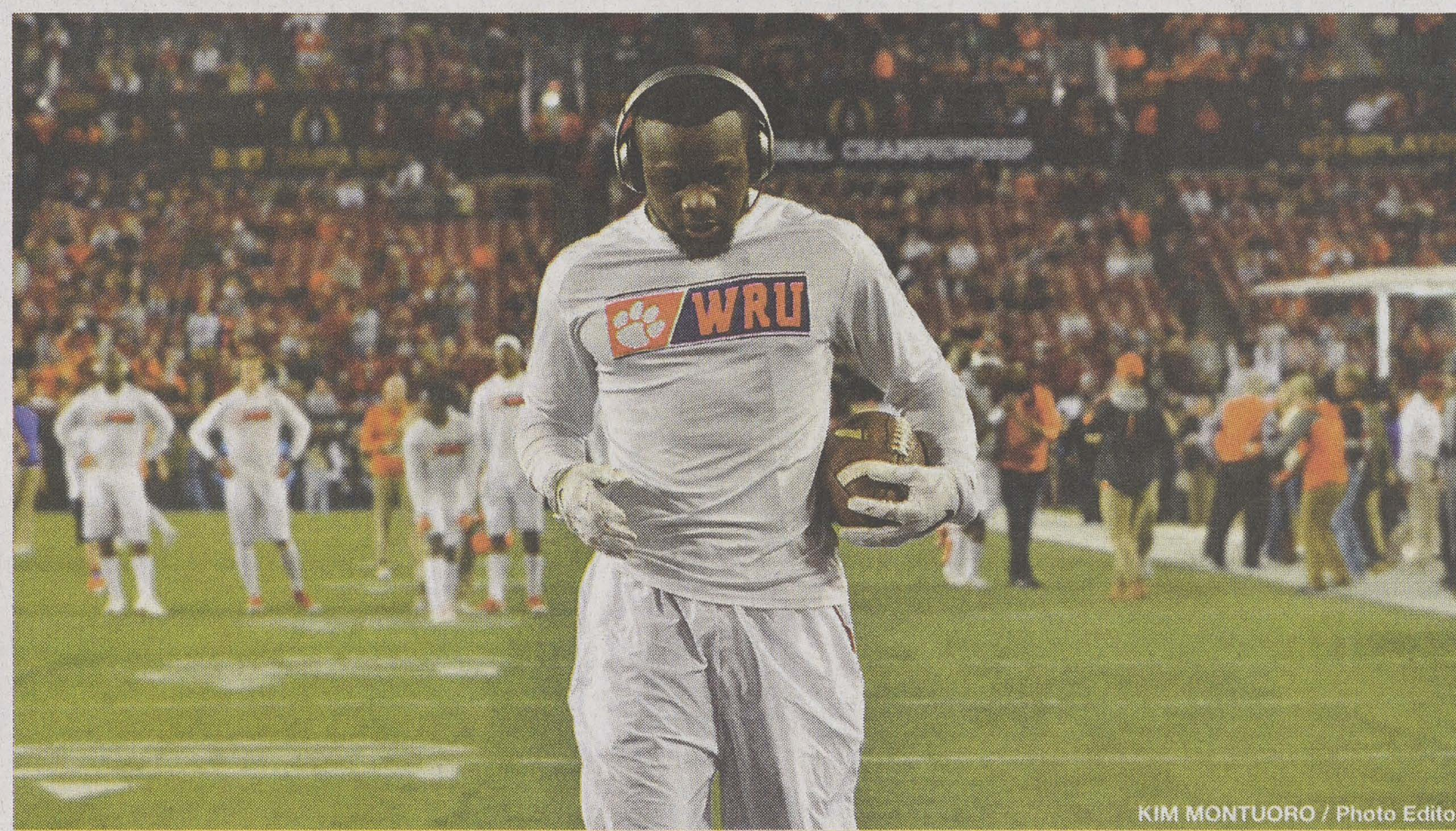


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A throwback from 1981, The Tiger featured Clemson's first national championship win against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, 22-15.

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KIM MONTUORO / Photo Editor

## The reality of Clemson being a "Wide Receiver University"

Russell Madray // Contributor

Over the course of the past five or six seasons, the Clemson Football program has had a growing reputation of producing NFL caliber wide receivers. This is measured by the high potency of new wide receivers and their talent here at Clemson.

This new guard, which includes Mike Williams, Deon Cain, Artavis Scott and Hunter Renfrow touts one of the most dangerous wide receiver corps in the college football nation. This was clearly seen in the team's National Championship win over Alabama.

However, this idea of Clemson just now becoming "WRU" ignores the history of reloading over rebuilding here at Clemson.

Over the past six seasons the Clemson football

program has had a constant stable of talented wide outs.

The first wave of these were the likes of Jacoby Ford, Aaron Kelly and Tyler Grisham. They went out on Saturdays at Clemson and attempted to emulate the great wide outs from past great teams Clemson has fielded, such as Perry Tuttle.

The second wave, which really established the brand of "WRU," was the field of Sammy Watkins, Deandre Hopkins, Adam Humphries, Martavis Bryant, Jon Brown and Jaron Brown. This massive group of wide outs, which includes several NFL stars such as Watkins and Hopkins, really began to cement Clemson's legacy as a wide receiver powerhouse.

After such a large second wave, it would seem very

improbable for a continued third wave of success.

This however is just what happened with the emergence of Mike Williams, Deon Cain, Artavis Scott and Hunter Renfrow. This third wave of "WRU" culminated with huge performances in the National Championship game by all three wide outs, including the now legendary game-winning touchdown catch by Hunter Renfrow.

After the success of this third wave, there is little to question of Clemson University being in reality "WRU." The next question in this reputation is whether the program can continue with a fourth wave with Mike Williams and Artavis Scott heading off to their careers in the NFL.

If the recruiting is

any indication, then the fourth wave will be ready this upcoming season. With starters Deon Cain and Hunter Renfrow returning, and backups such as Diondre Overton or Ray Ray McCloud now having the opportunity to shine, Clemson's "WRU" brand should be right on track. Adding to that, next year with the addition of Tee Higgins and Amari Rodgers, both of which are top rated wide outs in their recruiting class, will only bolster the Tigers' already dominant wide receiver history.

With this continued tradition of year after year and wave after wave of top notch, NFL-caliber wide receivers coming through the Clemson football program, it is no question Clemson has truly established "WRU."



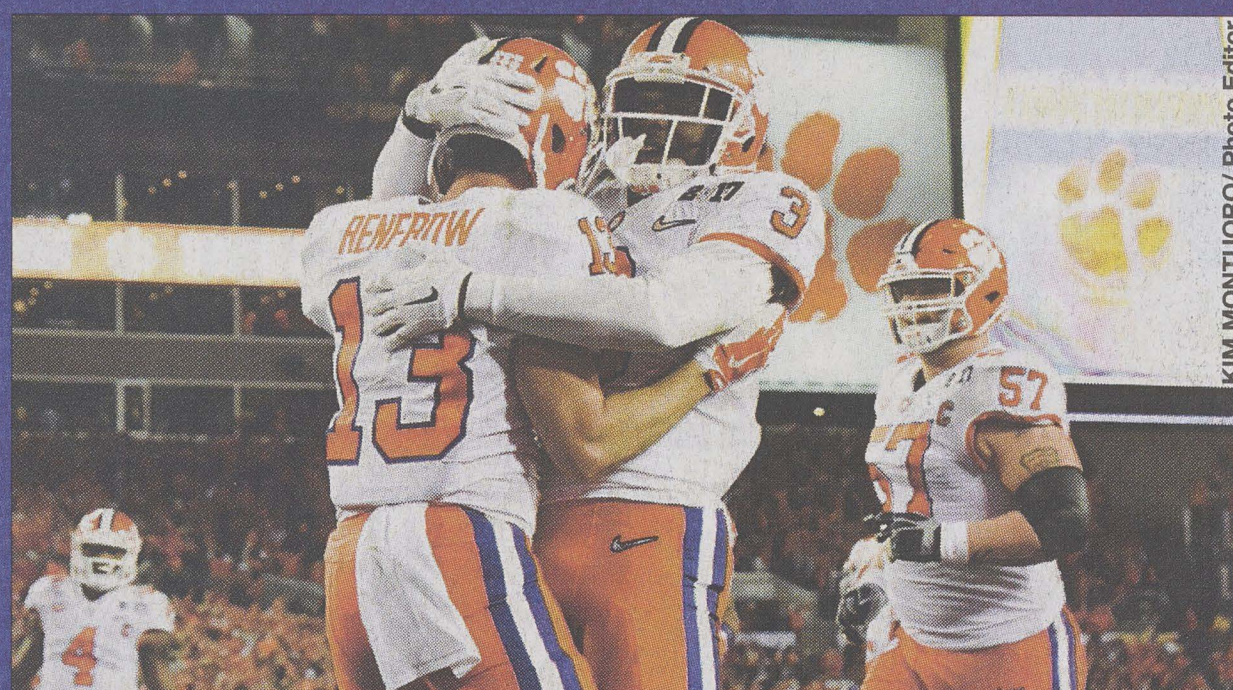
# Top plays of the National Championship

Ashley Hodge // Contributor

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## Hunter Renfrow's game winning touchdown catch

Deshaun Watson's two yard touchdown throw to Hunter Renfrow with one second remaining in the game will be the most remembered play of the National Championship. With the clock running down on what would be the last drive of the game and the Tigers down by three, Deshaun Watson proved once again just how talented of a player he is. With first and goal on the Alabama two-yard line, Watson looked to Renfrow who was wide open in the end zone and threw the most valuable throw of his collegiate career to take the lead with one second remaining on the time clock.



Artavis Scott (3) and Hunter Renfrow (13) celebrate after a touchdown in the National Championship game. The Tigers won the game with a last second

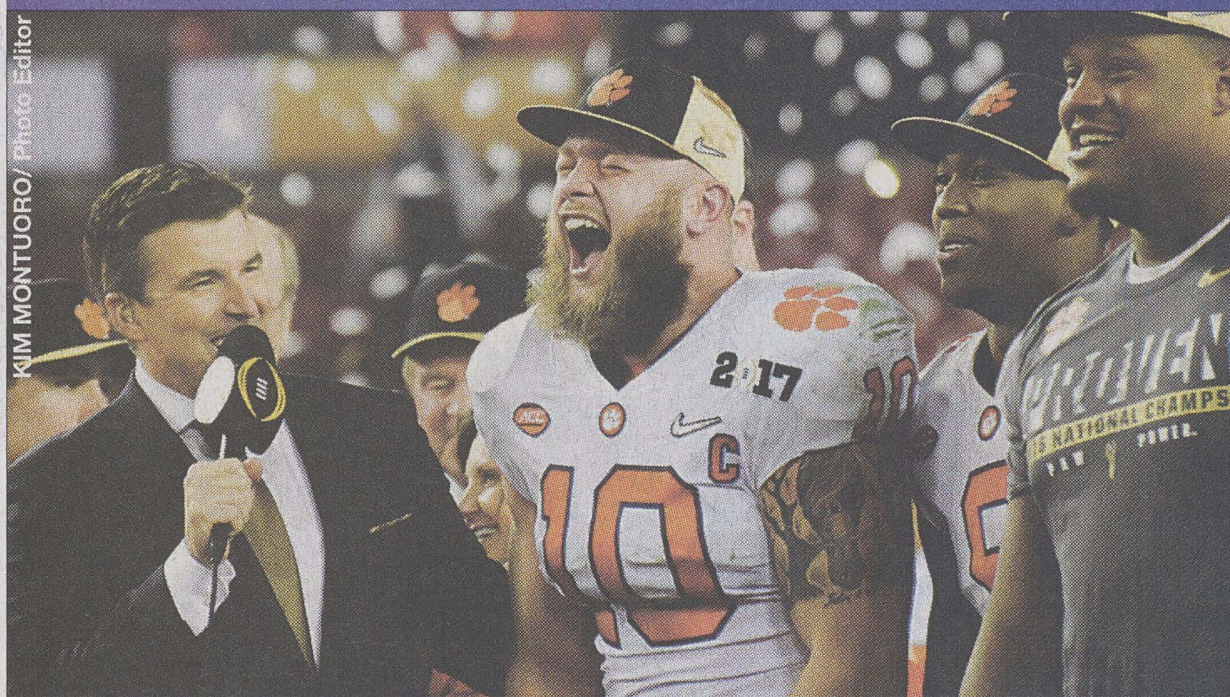
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## Deshaun Watson's rushing touchdown

Watson's eight yard carry for Clemson's first touchdown of the game was also a memorable play of the game.

The Tigers were down 14-0 in the second quarter as the fans in the stadium were truly stunned. The Tigers had not generated much offense against the Crimson Tide defense and were finding themselves down by two touchdowns as halftime neared.

Watson ended a long drive taking the ball into the end zone on his own, giving life back to the Tigers and generating momentum to carry the team in the second half.



Linebacker Ben Boulware (10) celebrates the National Championship victory versus Alabama during the trophy presentation ceremony.

3

## Hunter Renfrow's touchdown saving tackle

Clemson opened the second half with a fumble that was picked up by an Alabama player running to the endzone and looking to increase the Tide's lead to 21-7.

Fortunately, Hunter Renfrow was able to make the tackle on the Alabama player and the team was only able to get a field goal. This tackle kept the Tigers in the game.

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## Ben Boulware's instinctive play recognition

Ben Boulware, the Defensive MVP of the game, led Clemson's defense in the second quarter when he was able to read Jalen Hurts' play call. Boulware knew what play was coming and was able to get his players to move into position to stop Alabama's offense from gaining anything on the play. Hurts was tackled for a loss in the Tiger's defensive read.

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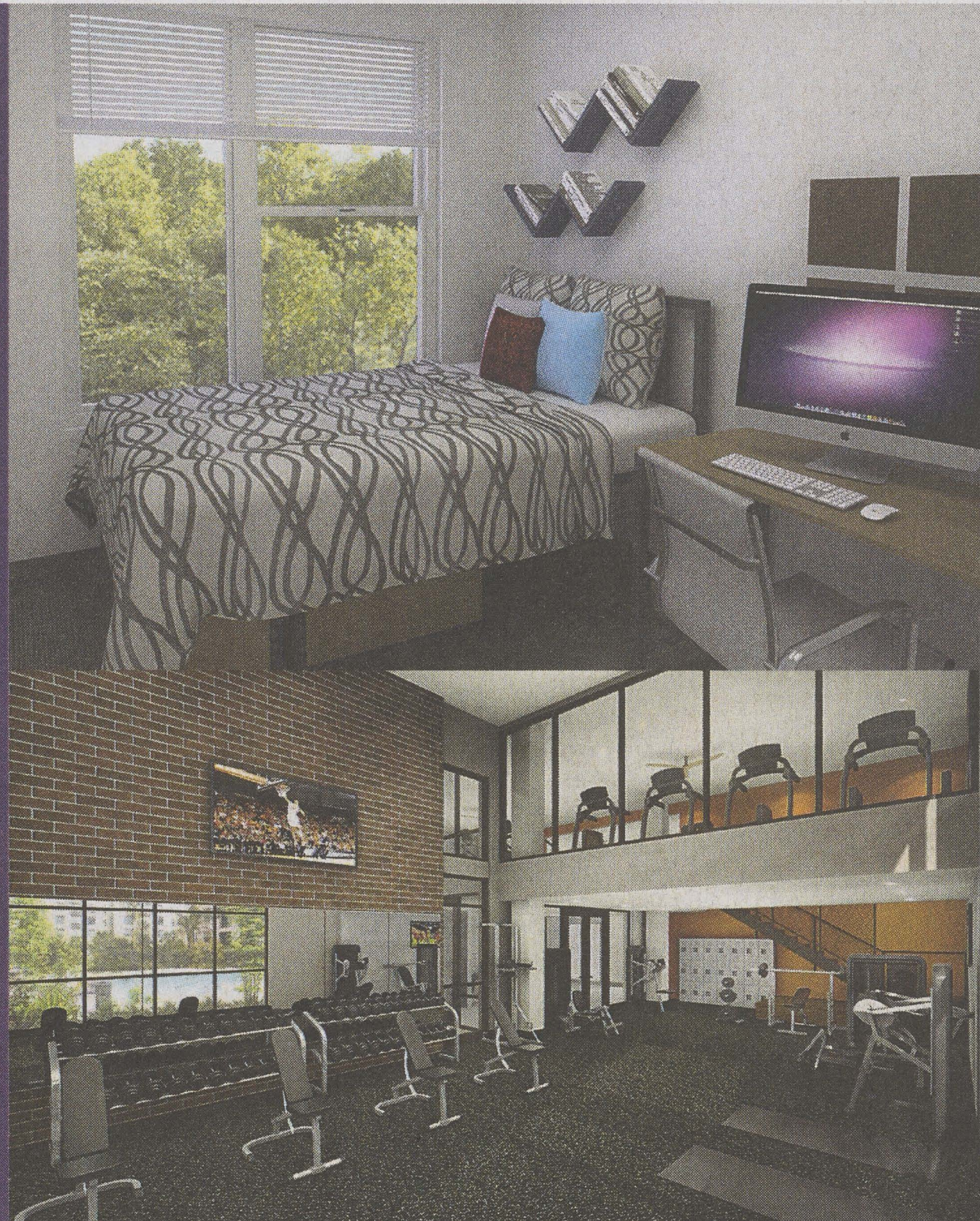
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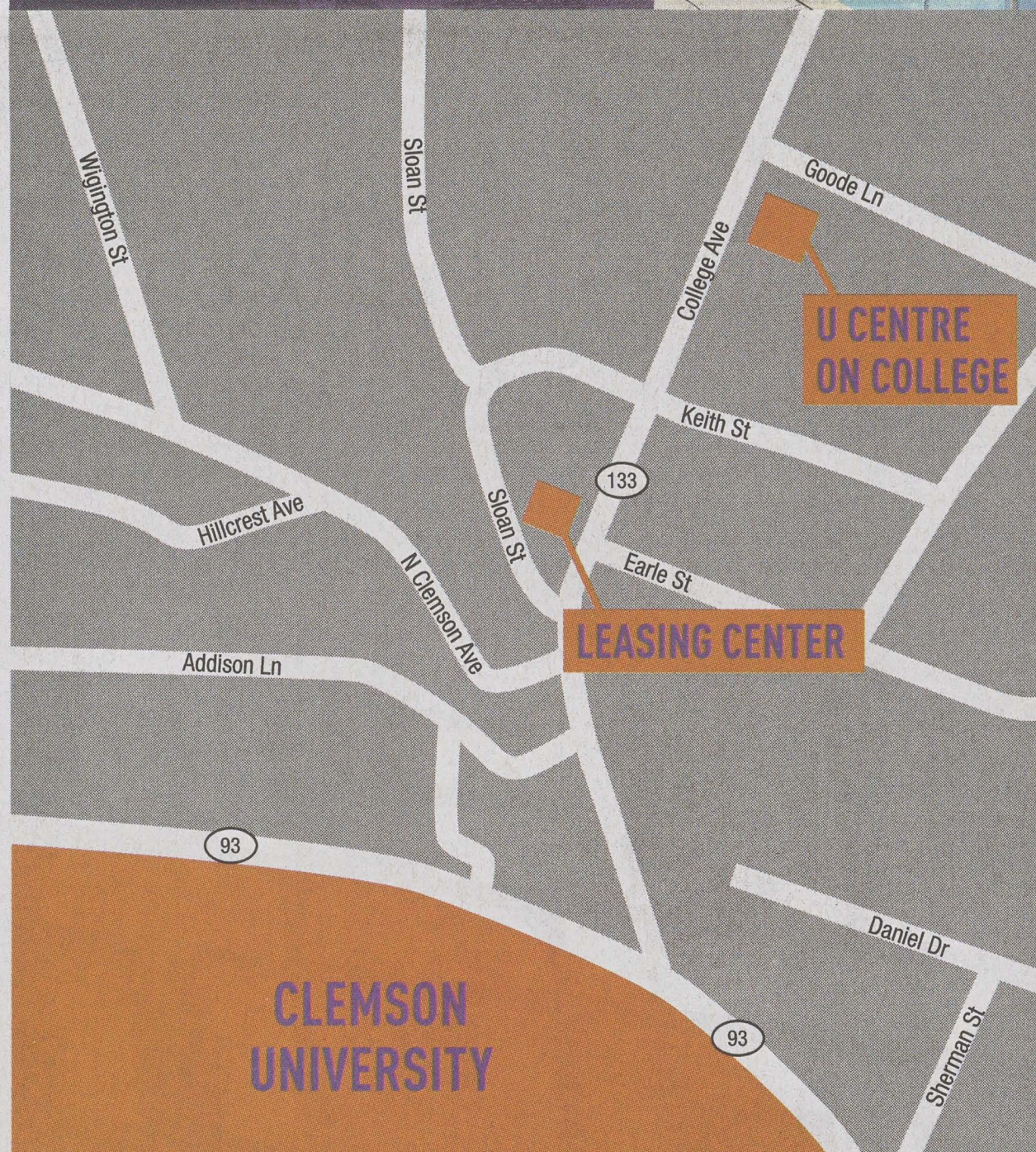




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# Tiger Nation is here to stay

## Clemson football has a 'next man up' mentality

Allison Daniel  
Sports Editor

After a come-from-behind victory over Alabama in the National Championship game, Clemson senior linebacker Ben Boulware gave an impassioned speech honoring the players who had come before him and set the table for the program.

"Y'all started this! Y'all built this! All we did was build upon it and finish it," he said after listing several former Tigers who have left their mark — not only upon Boulware, but the program as a whole.

Looking back, it's easy to see how Clemson football has been trending upwards over the past eight years under Head Coach Dabo Swinney. You can argue exactly where it began; perhaps when CJ Spiller returned for his senior season rather than leaving for the NFL Draft, or when Tajh Boyd led the Tigers to their first ACC Championship in 2011, it doesn't really matter. Everyone close to the program knew it was only a matter of time until Clemson was able to build itself up to this level.

Now they have. But what's next?

Deshaun Watson will undoubtedly be a legend at Clemson forever, leading the team to its second ever National Championship, and against the Goliath of college football at that. But his time at Clemson is done and he is moving on to the NFL along with Mike Williams, Wayne Gallman, Artavis Scott, Jordan Leggett and Boulware.

That's almost every big name for this team.

It is no secret that Watson is the main reason Clemson has had success over the last two years, and many think that once he leaves Clemson will return to its average roots and that it may take another 35 years for them to claw their way to the top.

That's not necessarily the case. Swinney and his staff have excelled at recruiting over the last several years, and that tradition has continued for the 2017 recruitment class.

While five-star quarterback Deshaun Watson is leaving, five-star recruit Hunter Johnson is coming in. He is ranked as the No. 2 quarterback of the class and passed for a total of 66 touchdowns in his high school career. He is a pro style quarterback with an excellent pocket presence and arm strength. However, in his time at Brownsburg High in Indiana, he ran a spread offense.

While he isn't a dual threat quarterback, he has rushed for five touchdowns in his career and shown his elusiveness in scramble plays. There will be a learning curve for him as he enrolls in Clemson, but Johnson has a tremendous upside that could make the

quarterback battle in the spring very interesting as Kelly Bryant and Tucker Israel will both be returning and looking for their first career starts as well.

Chase Brice, another highly ranked recruit will also be enrolling at Clemson and could have a shot at the position. While it isn't likely he will start his freshman year, Brice is yet another talented quarterback on the Tigers' roster. As a native of Grayson, Georgia, he picked Clemson over the UGA, showing Swinney's ability to recruit in the southeast against other big name universities. Brice has the potential to grow and be an excellent player for the Tigers, especially with his command of the ball.

Overall, the Tigers won't be lacking in talent at the quarterback position, just in experience.

With the loss of almost the entirety of the receiving corps, you might expect there to be a drop off at the position. You would be wrong.

Hunter Renfrow shocked the nation in the National Championship game; as a walk-on wide receiver standing only at 5'11 who caught two touchdown passes including the game winner.

Renfrow will return next season and will probably see even more action than this year with Williams and Scott moving on to the NFL. While he doesn't have the outright athleticism Williams does, he has hands almost as good. He seemed to be one of Watson's favorite targets in critical situations, largely because he is reliable; there are very few catchable passes he doesn't come down with.

Deon Cain will also be back next season and will likely take on a larger role as well. This season, he typically played as Williams's back up and was another down the field threat for Watson. He also does not have the athleticism of Williams, but his height and speed make him a force to be reckoned with down the sideline.

He needs to work on his hands a bit, as he dropped a few critical passes throughout the season. Assuming one of the multitude of quarterbacks on the roster can throw the deep ball, expect Cain to have some eye-popping stats next season.

Along with Renfrow and Cain, Clemson landed five-star recruit Tee Higgins as well. The Tennessee Native chose the Tigers over the Volunteers and will likely make a splash early in his career here. He is 6'4, which will be nice for a unit that is otherwise fairly undersized.

He and fellow Tennessee receiver Amari Rodgers started a trend this summer of Volunteer State players committing to Clemson. Rodgers is a bit of a lower ranked recruit but will

likely get a chance at playing simply due to the massive talent loss at the position. However, there are a few redshirt players and backups who will make it competitive and keep the tradition of Clemson's excellent receivers intact.

Gallman became a household name in Clemson last season and continued to impress this year. His absence may be one of the hardest to fill simply because of his ability to seemingly always get positive yardage and how he rarely turned the ball over. Tavien Feaster will be a sophomore next year and will likely see more reps than this season. He has already shown his explosiveness and quickness but now has to prove he can do it consistently and against some of the best defenses in the ACC.

For once, Clemson's defense will not be losing most of its players. Defensive Coordinator Brent Venables will return all but two of his front seven starters. Boulware and Carlos Watkins will be moving on, but talented Christian Wilkins, Dexter Lawrence and Clelin Ferrel will be returning.

Venables also gained a few recruits to help add depth to his squad, including Logan Randolph. Randolph is a four-star from Rock Hill, South Carolina, who committed to Clemson in a Twitter video where he posed in cut-off shorts while chopping wood. Rudolph is an excellent athlete who doubled as a tight end for his high school team and has the ability to play almost every down due to his endurance. He did suffer a torn labrum early in his last season in high school so that could affect how much playing time he gets come fall.

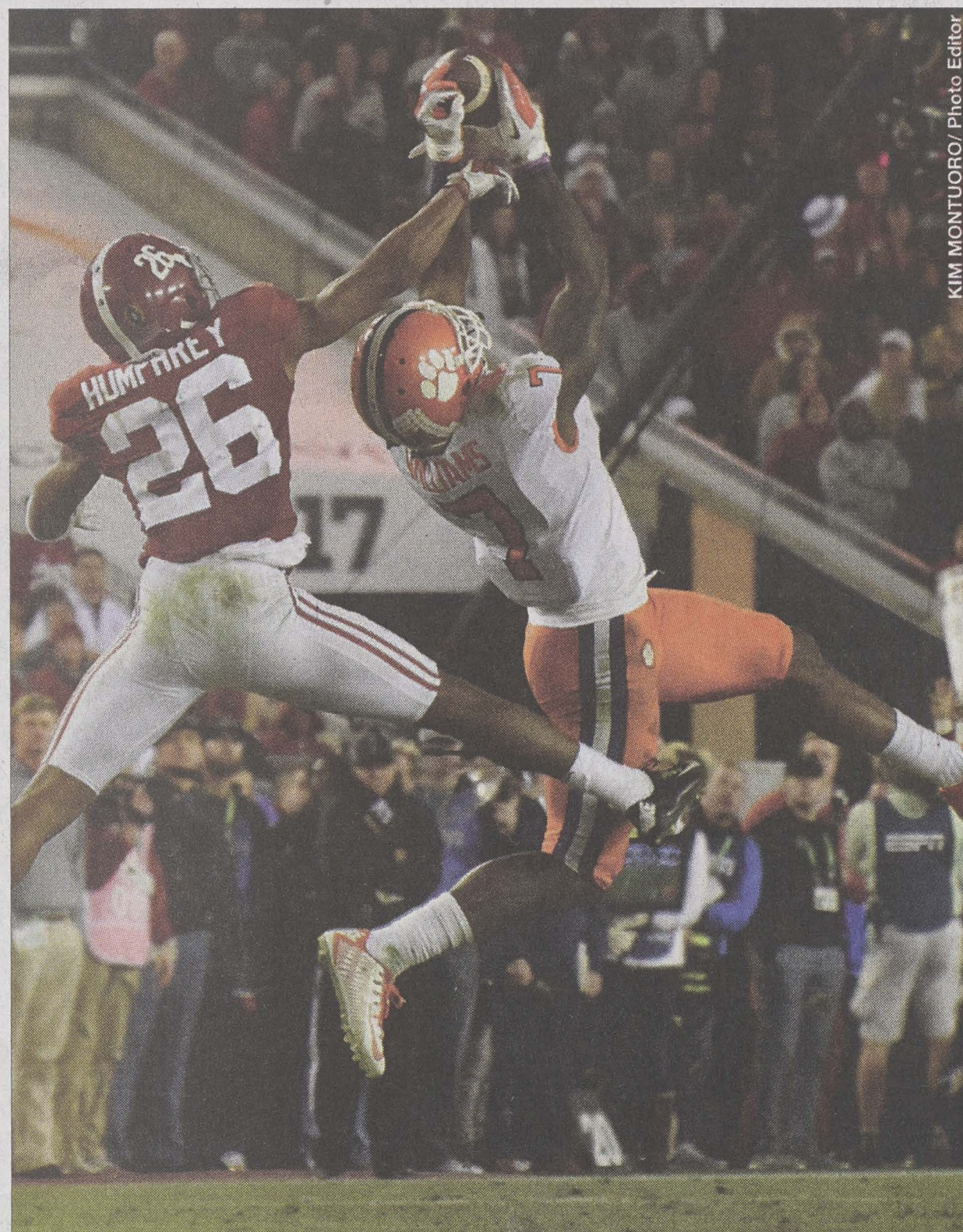
As for the Clemson secondary, Cordrea Tankersley was the only returning starter from the 2015-2016 team and will be the only one leaving this season. He will hand the reins over to cornerback Marcus Edmond and safeties Jadar Johnson and Van Smith.

Adrian Baker is a veteran corner who received meaningful snaps in the 2014-2015 season before tearing his ACL. With his possible return, Clemson's secondary shouldn't see a significant drop off in production.

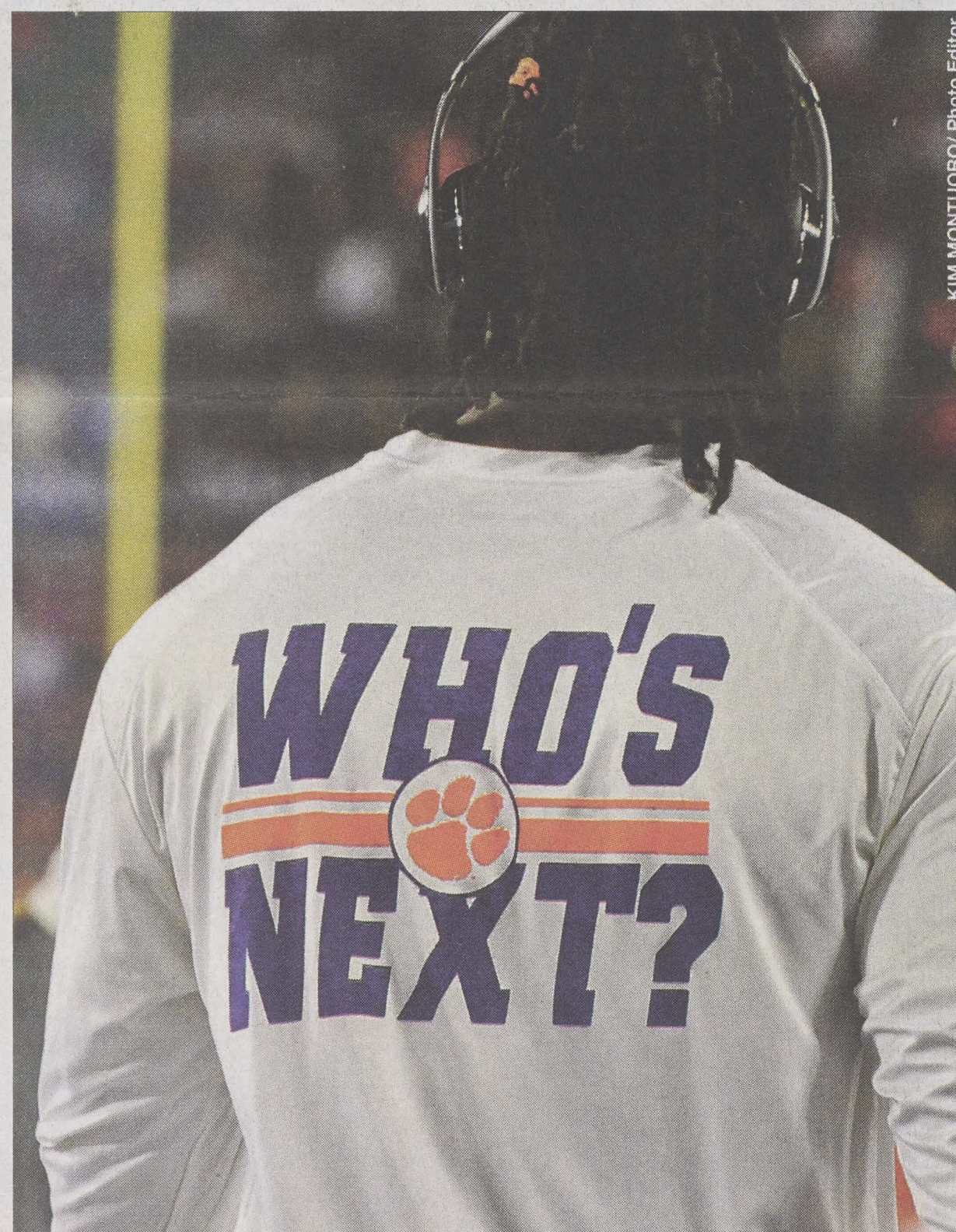
Overall, Clemson will be replacing almost the entirety of its offense while maintaining its defense.

With the success of this season, expectations are likely to be high for fans and spectators. While it isn't necessarily feasible for Clemson to return to the National Championship next year, don't expect them to fall apart at the hinges either.

Give them this year to reload and watch as that foundation Boulware spoke about continues to grow.



Junior wide receiver Mike Williams (7) catches a pass for a first down from Deshaun Watson on the Tigers' final drive in the National Championship against Alabama.



With talented players like Mike Williams and Deshaun Watson leaving to go to the NFL, Clemson will have to rely on younger players and new recruits to continue their success.

## Star Clemson players declare for NFL Draft

Allison Daniel  
Sports Editor

Clemson will suffer several losses on the offensive side of the ball this season.

Five-star quarterback Deshaun Watson will be foregoing his senior season to enter the draft along with standout wide receivers Mike Williams, Artavis Scott and running back Wayne Gallman.

Jordan Leggett, the senior tight end for the Tigers, will also be leaving and likely has a NFL future ahead of him. While his stats were never eye-popping, he was an essential key to the Tiger offense. An excellent blocker and selfless player, Leggett will make some team's roster and could be a valuable player at the next level.

Watson needs no introduction to most football fans, but many have questioned

how his playing style will translate in the NFL. With his multiple interceptions this season, his draft stock took a slight hit but recovered after his performance in the Championship game. He is undoubtedly a first round pick, as is Williams.

Williams is a big and athletic receiver with excellent hands and showed his strength and endurance throughout this season. He will add depth to any receiving corps in the pros.

Gallman and Scott will likely be later round selections but will also find homes on NFL rosters with their abilities and athleticism.

Defensively, Ben Boulware could be a steal in a later round for a team who needs an athletic linebacker.

The Tigers will have to overcome these losses next year to continue competing nationally.

**Matt Connolly**  
@MattatTheState

Artavis Scott joins Deshaun Watson, Mike Williams and Wayne Gallman in announcing he is moving on to the NFL.

**Kenny Sanford**  
@Kenny\_Sanford

Deshaun Watson crying on the sideline knowing the Browns are gonna draft him

**Matt Temple-Marsh**  
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I really think Ben Boulware is going to be such a late round steal in this year's draft, such a leader of the Clemson defence

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Jordan Leggett's NFL draft stock just continues to soar. #nationalchampionship

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# WHAT'S NEXT?



*With a National Championship win over Alabama, where does Clemson go from here?*

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# Choosing the cast of 'The Mighty Clemson Tigers,' the movie

James Kidd // Contributor

Almost a week has passed since Clemson won the National Championship, and the whole thing still feels unreal to me. Thirty-five years in the making, this journey was a long time coming, and by God was it worth it! However, with anything amazing and popular, it is only a matter of time before Hollywood gets a hold on the rights to "Dabo: A Clemson Football Story," something which could be great if done right, but silly if done the wrong way. Luckily for Tinseltown, we at The Tiger have a great list of actors who'd be great for the star roles and allow the story to be told in the best way possible!

#### Alan Tudyk as Dabo Swinney

While my personal bias might be showing here since I've been a fan of Tudyk ever

since his criminally-short tenure as laidback pilot Wash in "Firefly," I think he could really do wonders in the role as Clemson's Based God. While he's probably been making bank after shacking up with Disney a few years ago (you may recognize him as the Duke of Weselton from "Frozen" and K-2SO from "Rogue One"), it's about time the man got a chance at a leading role.

#### Michael B. Jordan as Deshaun Watson

Considering Jordan is one of the most accomplished and well known young actors out there today, it would only make sense to give him the role of Deshaun. Plus, the guy got screwed over two times in a row for not even getting an Oscar nomination for

his roles in either "Fruitvale Station" or "Creed." If you've ever heard of the Heisman, Jordan's situation is something Deshaun can sympathize with. Plus, Jordan could really use the help getting the travesty that was 2015's "Fantastic Four" reboot off everyone's minds.

#### Donald Faison as Wayne Gallman

Faison hasn't really done anything since he starred as loveable Dr. Christopher Turk in "Scrubs" all those years ago, so it would be pretty nice to see him out and about again. He even starred in "Remember the Titans" as well, so he already has the know-how of how a football biopic works! Paul Giamatti as Dabo's "Mentor"

As with most Hollywoodizations of real life sports teams, there has to be some kind of mentor character to guide the coach along the way through both awe inspiring wins and disappointing defeats. Giamatti would be a natural fit, being a fairly accomplished actor and basically being in every movie relating to sports anyways.

#### Kevin Spacey as Nick Saban

Now, is this a perfect fit or what? Nick Saban has always been a massive pain in the rear for most everyone, so to have devious and scheming Frank Underwood himself portray the longtime Alabama football coach seems very fitting. Plus, Spacey was essentially born for the role as a villain in most any movie, so to have his presence looming

over from the distance as Clemson makes its way up to the Natty for round two would be amazing to see unfold on screen.

#### Travis Fimmel as Ben Boulware

While a picture of what Travis Fimmel looks like normally might not strike you as the first person one would get to play Boulware, anyone who has seen him in full warrior mode in History Channel's "Vikings" could second me on why he'd fit perfectly as the massive linebacker for Clemson. It doesn't hurt that Boulware looks like a Viking anyways with that massive beard and intimidating presence, so Fimmel would really only need to change into a football uniform and he'd be good

to go!

#### Kevin Costner as Lee Corso

While not exactly a main player so to speak in Clemson's rise to fame, it would still be pretty amusing to throw in Lee Corso of College Gameday fame in as a minor antagonist of sorts. While Costner has hit a rough patch over the past decade or so when it comes to his filmography, it would be nice for him to get a slightly more comedic, but still respectful role of Corso. After all, it would be nice to have a comedic relief break every now and again through intense training/game montages to have Corso confidently pick a ton of wrong teams to root for.



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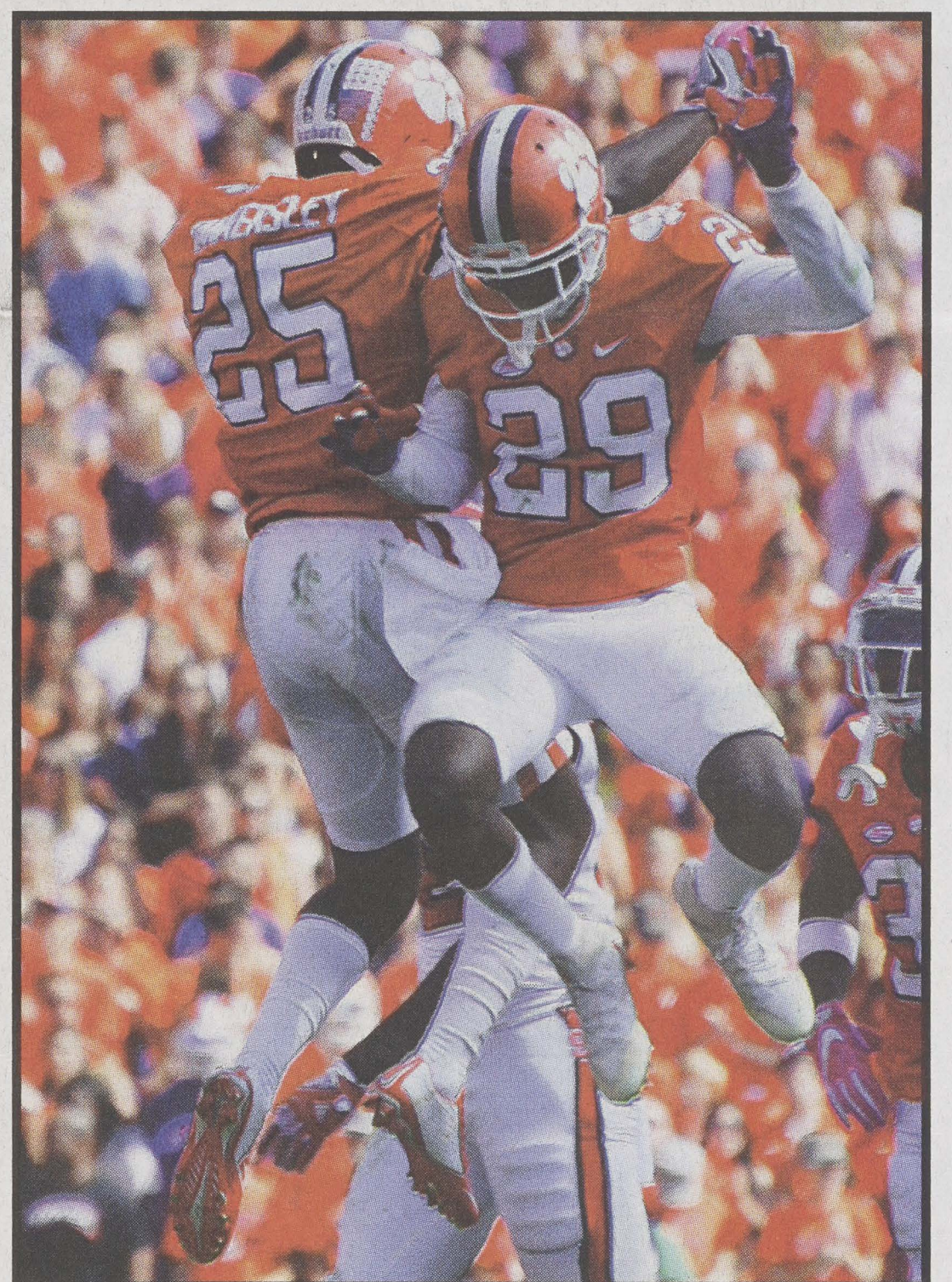
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# The sturdy foundation of Clemson football

## *How the culture of Clemson helps the Tigers*

**Cole Little**  
Senior Staff Writer

It would be understandable for one to feel like the Clemson Tigers had reached their ultimate peak by topping the vaunted Alabama Crimson Tide 35-31 in the National Championship Game, but the best is yet to come. Having flown under the radar for far too long under head coach Dabo Swinney, the Tigers are finally garnering the respect that they truly deserve and are here to stay as a national powerhouse.

Speaking on the memorable game-winning touchdown pass in Monday night's game, Swinney told reporters, "That moment epitomizes what our program is all about. You've got the five-star quarterback throwing the game-winning touchdown to a walk-on wideout."

Not only will it be forever remembered as the duo responsible for winning one of the most exciting college football games of all time, but it will also be remembered as the ultimate epitome of what has made Clemson college football's most unique program.

Featuring a close-knit mixture of locals and non-locals, five-star prospects and unheralded prospects, Clemson is not a prototypical football powerhouse. In an era of big-name programs pulling

out all of the stops to land an excess of top-tier recruits in order to "out-talent" the rest of the field, Clemson does things differently. Sure, the talent is there, but the players all mesh with Swinney's system. Each one is "all in" and sports a team-first attitude.

Like Renfrow, Swinney was not supposed to be here. Defying all odds working against him throughout his life, Dabo has gone from being a gutter cleaner trying to make a name for himself in the coaching ranks to being college football's most attention-worthy coach.

As a result, Swinney never takes any of his players for granted, leading to the tight unity of the Tigers that has helped them progress from a team on the cusp of returning to national prominence when Swinney took over as the full-time head coach in 2009 to the national champion.

"The best is yet to come for us. I mean this is not the end-all. You never arrive." Those enlightening remarks from Coach Swinney in the midst of the national title celebration are very telling, as it is clear that the culture put into place by Dabo will keep the Tigers nationally relevant for years to come.

With another excellent recruiting class on the horizon for next season and a plethora of star prep quarterbacks set to join the Tiger family in the coming years, the Tigers are primed

for continued greatness. The sign of a truly elite program is the ability to replenish talent on a regular basis. Alabama has done it for years. Ohio State has done it for years. Now, Clemson, who is fresh off of beating both of those mainstay programs, is doing it.

Regardless of how many national titles Clemson goes on to win during the Swinney era, the 2016-2017 title will likely always be the most special.

Like senior leader and starting linebacker Ben Boulware said in front of Tiger fans at Raymond James Stadium when citing past players who had helped lay the foundation for Clemson's greatness, "Y'all started this foundation, and all we did is build upon it. And we finished it."

The foundation is indeed built, and no necessary renovations are needed. But, knowing the "success is never final" attitude of Swinney and his staff, renovations will be done anyway. The infrastructure that is Clemson football will continue to be renovated year after year for continued success.

One thing is for sure, though. The "All In" formula works; that much has been proven. And it should continue to pay dividends for years to come in Tigertown.



Walk-on wide receiver Hunter Renfrow (13) will be one of the few returning starters on Clemson's offense next season and will likely get more playing time.

KIM MONTUORO/Photo Editor

## Swinney, Tigers recognized on Senate floor for National Championship victory

**Katie McCarthy**  
News Editor

U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott took to the Senate floor on Wednesday afternoon to congratulate Clemson on their national championship win, praising the team's leadership and the players' work ethic, both on and off the field.

Both Senators were wearing Clemson ties, and

Senator Scott draped a Clemson flag over the podium prior to speaking.

Senator Graham spoke first and called Monday's title game the greatest college football game he has ever witnessed.

"To the Tigers, you beat the best team in the country, and the way you won is as important as the outcome to me. Deshaun Watson is

probably going to go in the very top of the draft for the NFL," Graham said, adding, "I would say he's the best college football player in America."

Graham also praised Dabo Swinney, saying, "If I had a son, I would want him to play for Dabo."

Senator Scott took to the podium next and praised Deshaun Watson for his strong relationship with his mother.

"I have a special relationship with my mom, so I appreciate his focus and determination to honor her when he's on the field and to continue to honor her when he's off the field," Scott said.

Scott also praised Dabo Swinney for how he has created a sense of family among the football team and staff.

"People win because

of the team that they're on. There are no self-made success stories. We should remember that," said Scott.

Senator Scott also shared how he and Clemson President Jim Clements both predicted the Tigers to win the Wednesday night before the game.

Scott predicted Clemson would win 27-24. Clements picked Clemson winning 35-

31, the actual final score of the game.

"It's amazing, not only the successful season you've had on the field, but the character that has been the focus of so much of the conversation off the field," Scott said.

Rep. Joe Wilson, R-Springdale, also praised the Tigers on the House floor Wednesday.

# CLEMSON: 35 ALABAMA: 31

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THAT MOVED INTO  
THE NICE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
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# BEYOND THE PIGSKIN

## What off-the-field success look like for Clemson

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There is no doubt that the Clemson Tigers have made their debut in the college football world. In 2015, Coach Dabo Sweeney led his 13-0 team to another victory in the Capital One Orange Bowl against the Oklahoma Sooners. This was the game that opened the doors for Clemson to have the opportunity to compete in the national championship for the first time since 1981. In 2016 we were 5 points short from a championship, but with a 35-31 win from a last second touchdown against Alabama, we finally brought another one home in 2017.

Off-the-field success

comes inevitably with championship coverage. The exposure that occurs alongside an appearance in a national bowl game is immeasurable. 10.7 million people viewed the Capital One Orange Bowl last year, a little under half of the viewership from the national championship game, which was 23.7 million. This year, 26 million people watched the unprecedented rematch between the Tide and the Tigers.

Ratings for the Tigers have only increased. This year's Fiesta Bowl brought in 11.0 million viewers, an increase of 11 percent from 2015's Fiesta Bowl game.

Viewership in a bowl

game is the doormat for publicity for a university. The number of times quarterback Deshaun Watson's name was mentioned within the span of the four hours this year's Fiesta Bowl game was being broadcasted doesn't make NFL teams think about him any less. Two years ago, nobody knew who receiver, Hunter Renfrow, was outside of the Clemson football program. After scoring two touchdowns during Monday night's game, he's now the talk of the town. Hours after the big game, he was featured in *Sport's Illustrated*, giving him significant coverage and compelling talk about the NFL.

This is not just an event for the athletes, but for the mathletes as well. The university reported a record number of applicants after national championship exposure.

"Clemson University received a record number of applications for admission this fall, with nearly 23,507 students vying for 4,000 seats in the freshman class..."

This year the University expects a significant increase once again, since the Tigers made yet another national championship appearance.

Hopefully you stocked up on your orange and purple before the big game, because merchandise flies off the shelf,

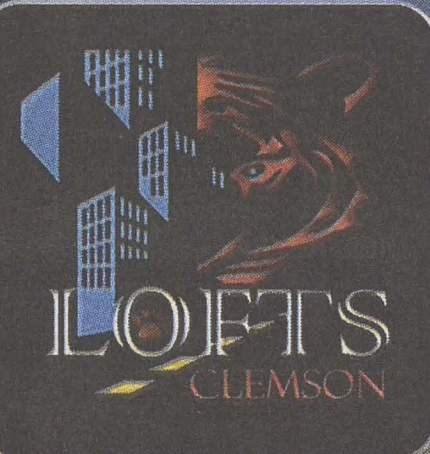
just as Hunter Renfrow flies into the in zone. The amount of Clemson gear made and sold increased significantly after last year's trip to the National Championship.

Last year, Dick's Sporting Goods all throughout upstate South Carolina promised to extend their hours (if Clemson won) immediately following the Championship game to provide eager customers with the chance to buy Championship gear. This year, only nine and a half hours after Deshaun Watson threw the winning touchdown pass, Fanatics.com reported Clemson sales increasing by over 50% more than Alabama sales, selling more than

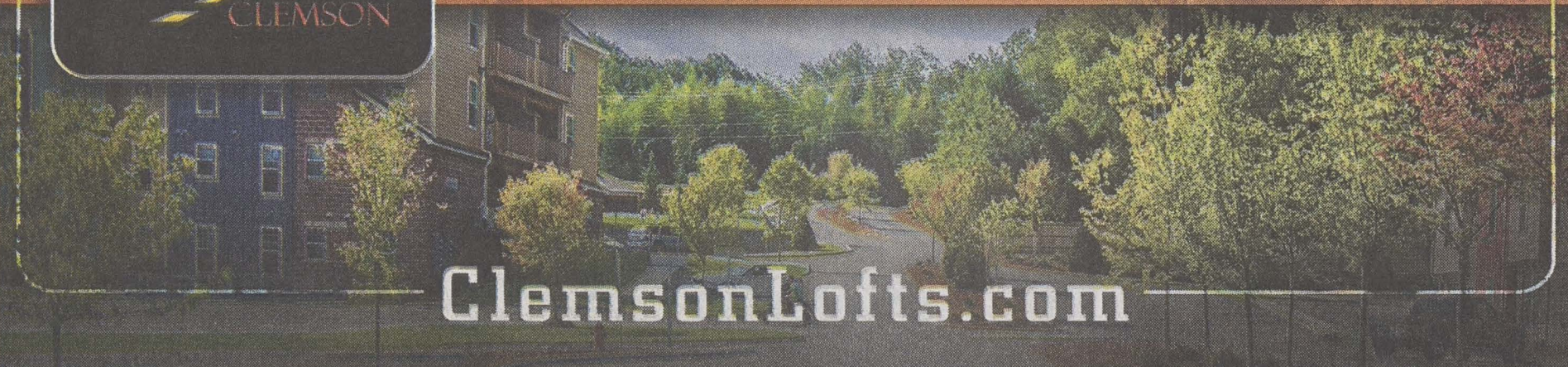
Alabama did after their national championship title last year. The website stated that, "similar to when the Cubs won the World Series, Fanatics is partnering with Uber again today to ensure Tigers fans in Clemson and Greenville are able to get their Championship gear ASAP. Hometown fans will have the chance to have official championship gear delivered straight to their door today through an innovative partnership between Uber and Fanatics."

Orange and purple just became the new black.

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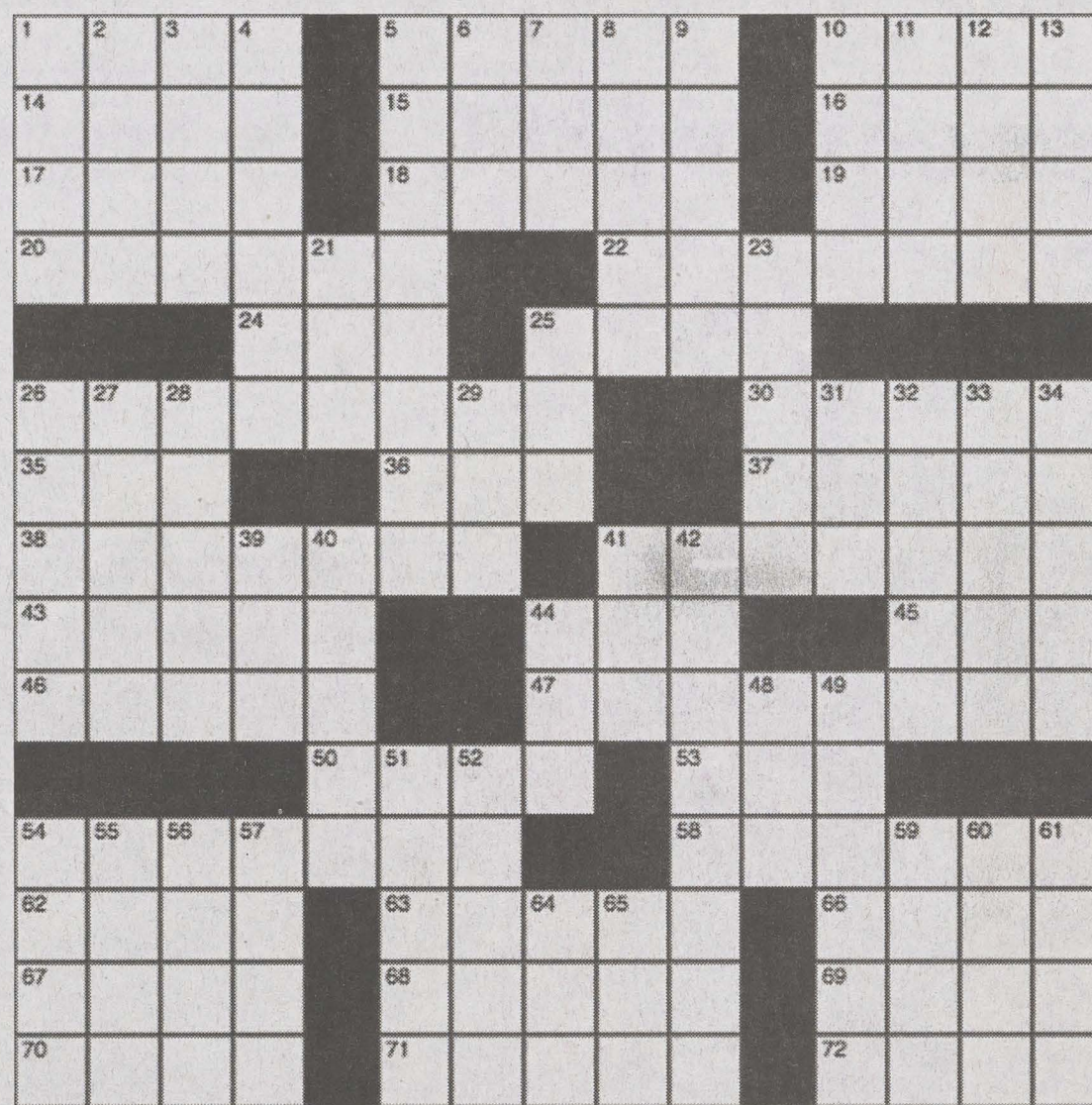
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## HOROSCOPES: NATTY EDITION

### CROSSWORD

#### Across

- 1 - Put a fancy coat on;  
5 - Ornamental coronet;  
10 - Word that can precede bodied and seaman;  
14 - Diva's song;  
15 - Later;  
16 - Actor Pitt;  
17 - Boxer Max;  
18 - Stories;  
19 - Titanic's undoing;  
20 - Spurt;  
22 - Somehow;  
24 - U-turn from SSW;  
25 - State bird of Hawaii;  
26 - Leaping marsupial;  
30 - \_\_\_ bleu!  
35 - Boxer Laila;  
36 - Phila. clock setting;  
37 - Oohed and \_\_\_;  
38 - Dangerous current;  
41 - Gallant in appearance;  
43 - "Delta of Venus" author Nin;  
44 - "Wheel of Fortune" buy;  
45 - Never, in Nuremberg;  
46 - French beans?;  
47 - Stately Spanish dance;  
50 - Employs, consumes;  
53 - Half and half;  
54 - Deceive;  
58 - Part of a woman's dress;  
62 - Jai \_\_\_;  
63 - Actress Palmer;  
66 - June 6, 1944;  
67 - Incline;  
68 - Early computer;  
69 - Cork's place;  
70 - Make money;  
71 - Smelling \_\_\_;  
72 - Workout count;



#### Down

- 1 - Chews the fat;  
2 - Kirkuk's country;  
3 - In \_\_\_ of;  
4 - Boldness;  
5 - Ragged;  
6 - \_\_\_ tree falls...;  
7 - City in GA;  
8 - Pee Wee of the Dodgers;  
9 - Burning of another's property;  
10 - French cleric;  
11 - Make beer;  
12 - Dr. Zhivago's love;  
13 - Jittery;  
21 - Genetic messenger;  
23 - Flat-topped hills;  
25 - "As if";  
26 - Purity unit;  
27 - Roomy dress cut;  
28 - Try to bite;  
29 - Sugar suffix;  
31 - Satisfied sound;  
32 - Porcelain tableware;  
33 - Kidney enzyme;  
34 - Created a border;  
39 - Overtime cause;  
40 - Magazine copy;  
41 - Modern-day evidence;  
42 - Vigorous exercises;  
44 - Biblical beast;  
48 - Year abroad;  
49 - Ornamental plant;  
51 - Shops want to achieve high ones!;  
52 - Minneapolis suburb;  
54 - Boy or man;  
55 - Intestinal sections;  
56 - German river;  
57 - Waterfall;  
59 - Romeo's last words;  
60 - Bellyache;  
61 - Peepers;  
64 - \_\_\_ Abner;  
65 - Back muscle, for short;

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Feb. 20 – March 20



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March 21 – April 20



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April 21 – May 20



#### GEMINI

May 21 – June 21



#### CANCER

June 22 – July 22



#### LEO

July 23 – Aug. 23



#### VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22



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Sept. 23 – Oct. 23



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Oct. 24 – Nov. 21



#### SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21



#### CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

They got a name for the girls who watch the National Championship instead of "The Bachelor" on Monday night: keepers. Propose to them.

Want to practice your comedy? Use this line on your SEC friend from home: "Hey Alabama, lose something?"

Shall we address the elephant in the room? We just beat our biggest rivals; you can do anything.

When someone has you feeling low, remember that anything they can do, you can do better.

Cheers to all of the haters. Be patient because more are coming.

I don't have to be hateful to the Bama fans; all I can say is bless y'all's hearts.

Nick Saban (noun) - head of Alabama that finally rolled.

There is hope for boys after all; you can make a woman feel good in only two minutes.

It's sad when a suggested search on Pinterest is "Deshaun Watson girlfriend".

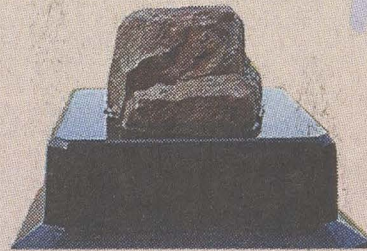
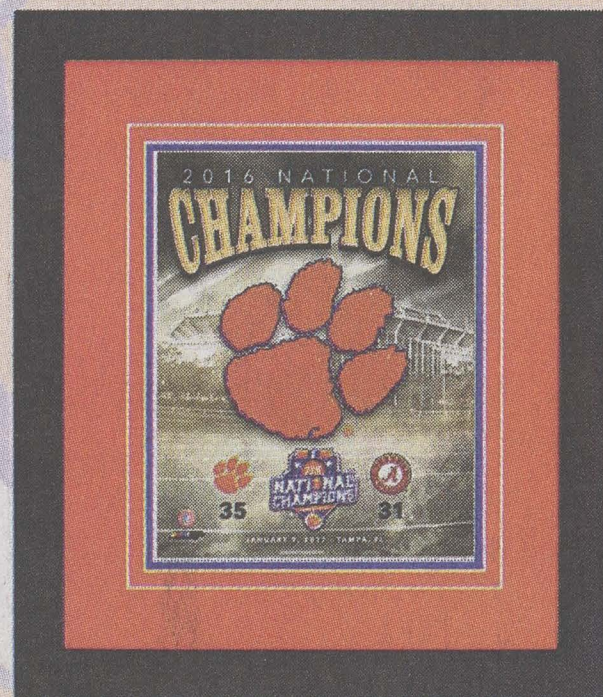
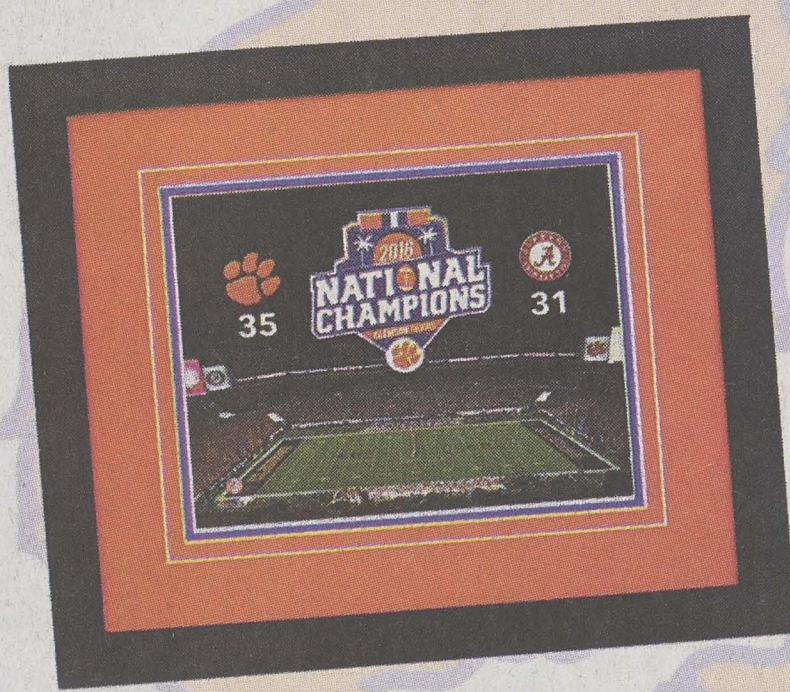
One day maybe we can all be as cute as Dabo and his wife, the real #relationshipgoals.

What a time to be alive, you and your's vs. me and mine.

Clemson fan starter pack: Clemson paw \$2 bills and a big ego.

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